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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION

MAYOR'S MURAL PROJECT

Mayor Arthur G. Vigeant invites artists from the Metrowest area to submit proposals for an \$18,000 public art commission grant award to create a mural to beautify a public space on a busy thoroughfare exhibiting some history of Marlborough

Theme: A timeline or scattering of the history of Marlborough

Location: Concrete wall across from the Dollar Tree, 75 S. Bolton St. (See attached photos.)

Size: Length is **242' 7"**

Height from left to right- tried to measure near the drains along the wall

38" / 47" / 56" / 66" / 72" / 84" / 86" / 89" / 93" / 95" / 92" / 89" / 88" / 85" / 74" / 67" / 61" / 56" / 50" / 42" / 36" / 34"

Area: 518.5²

Proposals should include a description of what will be painted, what type of form will be used, what types of elements will be used and how it will fill the space. The description should indicate time periods. Artists should include a rough estimate of cost of materials, type of materials used, rate per square foot or estimated amount of time and cost. The selected artist(s) must carry general liability insurance, amount to be determined. Artist will need scaffolding equipment to complete the higher sections of the wall. **A UV protected clear coat finish is required.**

The Mayor's Mural Project will provide viewers some history of Marlborough. The artist(s) may incorporate different eras of history, possibly a timeline or a scattering of various eras to exhibit. The Marlborough Historical Society [Marlborough Historical Society Home Page \(historicmarlborough.org\)](http://historicmarlborough.org) has a treasure trove of documents and photographs relating to the Native American and Colonial Settlement, apple orchards, the successful shoe industry, railroad stations and trolley service as well as many figure heads who drove industry. There are many historical locations and monuments that are

included in the Museum in the Streets that also could be highlighted. Marlborough was declared a town in 1660 and a city in 1890. These dates are included in the City Seal and could be incorporated into the mural. Other landmarks for consideration: City Hall clock tower, the water tower, the high school rock that students paint on, or a scene from the annual Labor Day Parade Artist(s) have many options to choose from.

The selected artist will be required to conduct a feedback session on his/her design with the selection committee.

The City is seeking qualifications from artists with demonstrated mural painting experience. The \$18,000 grant commission must cover all services from subject/content development through final completion including, but not limited to artist fee, travel, community meetings, materials, mural creation and installation, transportation and project coordination. This project will be supported by grant funding.

Mural Creation Process:

The selected artist will be paid one third of the total commission for supplies and design time amount upon signing City contract (May/June 2023)

Contracted artist will begin work by meeting with selection committee to help identify the subject, content, and style of the mural. (June/July 2023)

Artist will review subject matter with committee, review feedback and incorporate feedback into design. (August)

Once the content is agreed upon by all parties, including the artist, the artist will begin work on the mural (September)

Artist completes mural and receives remaining two thirds balance of contract paid upon completion of work that meets the City’s satisfaction and standards. (September) - *this is an estimated timeframe and may be altered if artist needs additional time.*

The mural is celebrated at a public event (September/October)

Full Timeline:

Deadline for submissions of qualifications	April 24, 2023
Finalists selected	May 10, 2023
Selected finalists’ contract development	May/June 2023
Public announcement of selected artist	June 2023
Work created	September 2023
Project mid-point check-in	September 14, 2023
Project Completed/celebration	Week of September 25, 2023

Eligibility

- Must have demonstrated experience in executing murals
- Candidates must be 16 years or older

- Marlborough is committed to providing equal opportunities for ALL ARTISTS of all gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation/identity, religion/beliefs, education and physical ability are encouraged to apply.

Required Submission Documentation includes:

- 4 to 6 images in jpeg format or pdf of examples of relevant previous work
- A formal CV or resume in pdf format
- Statement of interest for this specific commission including why the project resonates with you, a brief overview of how you would approach the project and examples of past collaborative design experience (1 page is adequate)

How to Submit Your Qualifications:

- Artists submit qualifications via email to: pbernard@marlborough-ma.gov

Submission Deadline: April 24, 2023 | An Artist will be selected by May 10, 2023.

Disclosure Statement:

The City of Marlborough is not liable for any costs incurred by the candidate in submitting this proposal. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to award the agreement in its best interest. The City reserves the right to make multiple awards. Any municipal permit fees required will be waived by the City, however, the awarded artist may still be required to pull permits.

MGL c. 30B Sec 2 defines “Grant agreement”, as “an agreement between a government body and an individual or nonprofit entity the purpose of which is to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation instead of procuring supplies or services for the benefit or use of the governmental body. Therefore, this Contract is exempt from the rules and regulations of MGL 30B Sec 5 or 6.

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Questions: Contact Trish Bernard at 508-460-3770

MAYOR'S MURAL PROJECT SITE
ACROSS FROM 75 S. BOLTON STREET, MARLBOROUGH MA





Submittal Form

Artist Name: _____ Artist Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Description of prospective mural

Type of paint and materials to be used:

Artist Fee (please break out salary, materials and any additional costs the fee will cover):

Estimated time from start to completion of work:

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